

The danger of media consolidation is clearly evident in the decision by Sinclair Broadcasting's to force their stations to air the anti-Kerry documentary, Stolen Honor.

The public airwaves belong to the people not Sinclair Broadcasting, whose decision to air a partisan program is a disservice to the public interest. When large companies control the airwaves, the motivation is profit not the public interest. I do not purchase cable or satellite television service for several reasons including the cost. My choices of television viewing are very limited. If I watch the Sinclair owned station, I do not get commentary that is important to my community. Instead I get partisan political commentary from a Vice President of Sinclair Broadcasting. Again, this is a disservice to my community hearing commentary from a person who is hundreds, if not thousands, of miles away and who is not even remotely familiar with the issues important to my neighbors, friends, and family.

Media ownership rules must be strengthen, not weaken. The broadcast license renewal process needs to have concern citizens more fully involved than a returned postcard, so that the public interest is properly served. Thank you.